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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of May 14, 2002 in which Applicants were requested to elect a species and a subspecies. Applicants hereby elect species I drawn to a suspension including a metal layer or material and a composite layer wherein the metal layer/material defines a load beam portion of the suspension, and subspecies IA drawn to a composite material comprising a high performance plastic.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants request consideration of claims to the additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR § 1.141.

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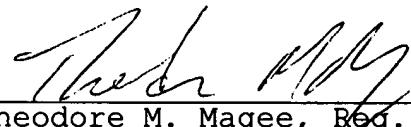
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